

You are viewing one of thousands of biographies – click below for more, including Search box and access to Plant associated organisations.

[Plant Biographies](#)

[Bibliography](#)

---

*Schinopsis*

*Anacardiaceae*

*Schinopsis* is made up of the genus name *Schinus* and Greek *-opsis* (appearance) components meaning ‘like plants in that genus’.

*Schinopsis* species (and *Aspidosperma* species) have provided much of the world’s tannin from South America. Sadly these slow-growing trees have been systematically ravaged to extract the tannin from the heartwood – particularly if compared with some of the wattles of the *Acacia* genus, such as *Acacia mearnsii* (black wattle) which are now one of the preferred alternative sources.